

CHHS HIPAA Workgroup County Issues Subgroup

Meeting of 12-11-2000

Attendees:

Diane Williams	HHSDC	Anne Destsforn	DHA-Sacramento County
Diane Waite	DHA-Sacramento County		
Donna Beeson	DHS/PSD/HIPAA Office		
Denise Koenes	CMHDA	Gino Maiolini	HHSDC – SAWS
Mike Babcoke	CDSS – SAWS	Meg Sheldon	CWDA
Mike McDaniel	DHS/ITSD	Jim Smith	HHSDC
Joe Howard	DHA-Sacramento County		
Karen Fuson	DMS-Sacramento County		
Sally Thibodeaux	DMH – IT	Ken McKinstry	St. DMH IT
Therese Hart	Dept. of Info. Technology		
Ray Reis	Sacramento County Medical Systems		
Terrie Williams	ADP/Fiscal Mgt Branch		
Barbara Norton	ADP/FMB	Paula Agostini	DMH – Statistics
Karen Weber	DHS – HIPAA Project Office		
Leanne Richardson	DHS – HIPAA Project Office		
Judy Gelein	DHS – HIPAA Project Office		
John Campbell	LA County		

Overview and background:

Ken McKinstry from the State Department of Mental Health chaired the committee.

He gave an overview of the Agency HIPAA Workgroup and its roles and responsibilities.

Counties have been attending those Workgroup sessions and bringing their issues to the table.

This County Issues subgroup is an effort to address the counties HIPAA's issues.

It is hoped that this committee can serve as a conduit for discussing and raising county issues regarding HIPAA.

County Status:

Ray Reis from Sacramento County began by saying that HIPAA awareness varied by department. The county had not yet developed a County Wide HIPAA Project Plan.

John Campbell from LA County stated that his county is developing a County Wide HIPAA project plan.

County Issues:

Ray Reis from Sacramento began the issues discussion by presenting a process flow chart depicting the path that data flows at the county level.

During this walkthrough it was clear that the scope of HIPAA potentially impacted business partners, at the county level, would have to be increased to include such groups as the auditor, DA, Sheriff etc.

Although this chart was very helpful in demonstrating the complex path of data in Sacramento County, there were differences with the process flow in other counties.

Mike McDaniel from DHS ITSD then made a presentation on the potential impacts of HIPAA to the files that are processed between the counties and the various state departments. It was made clear that to make HIPAA successful would require close working relationships with all trading partners.

Funding:

The counties asked if there was some funding coming from the State to assist the counties in their HIPAA remediation efforts.

Judy Gelein from DHS stated that although many funding avenues were being investigated, there was currently no funding source identified from the State for HIPAA remediation by the counties.

Next Steps:

Ken stressed the importance of counties developing their own HIPAA project plans. There are systems that trade data between county departments that may be impacted by HIPAA.

Those systems would not be in any state plans and should be addressed by the counties themselves.

The state will assist the counties with remediation tools [Project Plan Templates, Transaction Maps, Data Content Maps, etc.] and intercounty communication to reduce duplicative efforts by the counties.

The counties requested that CHSS send out a letter to the counties regarding the importance of HIPAA compliance.

The Agency will be sending a letter to the counties stating that CHHS is making HIPAA compliance a top priority and urging the counties to do likewise.

Ray Reis and Mike McDaniel were selected as co-chairs of this committee.

The next meeting of the group will be 01-08-2000 prior to the next Agency HIPAA Workgroup meeting. Location to be determined.